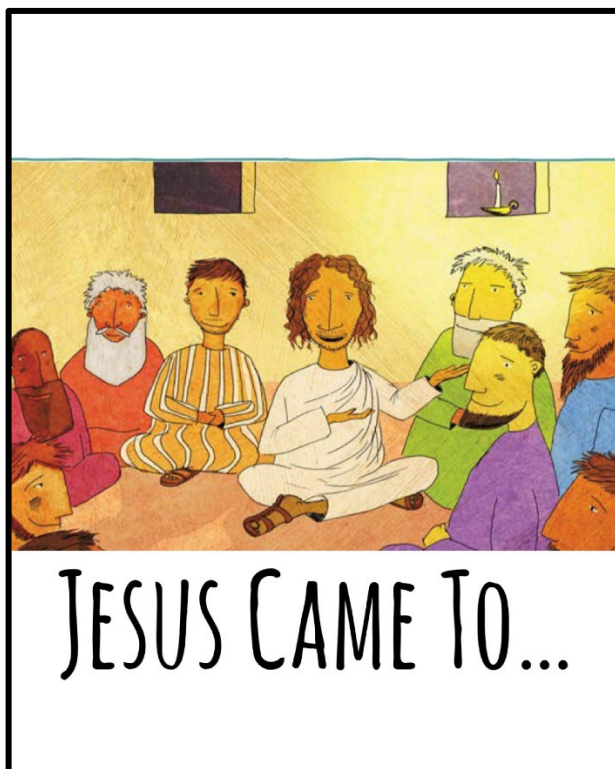




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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 17, 2024

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Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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Staff

Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.

Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

Sexton: Gary Putnam

Please silence your mobile device. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "I Ask the Lord" Lang/Duncan

*Processional Hymn "O How I Love Jesus" UM Hymnal no.170
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

People: The Spirit we received does not make us slaves, we do not have to live in fear again;

Leader: Rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship and daughtership.

People: The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: The giver of family, the one who knits our children in the wombs, we thank you for family; and seeing it fit to extend the gift of family bigger than just DNA. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us pass God's peace with each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem "Look to the Cross" Schram
Chancel Choir

Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward.

We invite our K3 to 2nd grade children to follow the designated adult upstairs for a lesson and craft. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew. During the Closing Hymn, the adult leaders will bring them back to the sanctuary and ensure they return to their parent/guardian.

Offertory

PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=Y9NV28ABLG5LW>

Realm - <https://onrealm.org/StPaulUMC1107/give/now>

*The Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

From baptism to resurrection, open our hearts to Jesus's life; so our lives may become more like His. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UM Hymnal #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; **and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Hymnal no.70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Sermon Scripture

Matthew 12:46-50

NRSV (pg.13 NT)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series

"Jesus Came To..."

Pastor Matthew Greer

Part 5

"Extend Family"

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UM Hymnal no.557

*Benediction

Postlude "Cleanse Me" Orr

Today's Servers:

Reader: John Tate

Acolyte: Maddie Miller

Nursery:

Crucifer: Wesley Miller

Children's Worship: No available

O How I Love Jesus

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
 2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
 3. It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe;

it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.
 it tells me of his pre-cious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.
 who in each sor-row bears a part that none can bear be-low.

Refrain

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782

MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 3/17	March of Dimes	
Mon, 3/18	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 3/20	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 3/21	Golden Girl Bible Study Luncheon: Saint Paul	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 3/24	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	March of Dimes	
Mon, 3/25	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 3/26	Women's Community: Home of Heather Storey	7:00pm
Sun, 3/31	Easter Sunday	

From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or matthewegreer@gmail.com)

I am starting out the new year with a new phone! Please take a couple of minutes to send a text to the number above with your name. Thank you!

Office Hours: We are open from 8:15am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:00 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and/or contact the office via the church email and phone during these hours. *Please continue to work with the office as Melissa continues to recover.*

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Whitney Feaster, 3/19; Raina Newman, 3/21; Steve Vaughn, Chris Cox, 3/22; Heather Storey, 3/23; Bill Searcy, Erin Crolley, John Sprinkle, 3/24

Happy Anniversary: Steve and Donna Connelly celebrate 51 years together on 3/24. Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Connie Cox, Darrie Crabtree, Natalie Davis, Tony DeYoung, Jesse Franks, Katie Franks, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin and family, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, Beth Jeffers, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Larry Jones, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Karsyn Miller, Alan Myers, Faye Mulligan, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth

Rogers, Allison Royster, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, *Suzanne Sprinkle*, Alicia Terminato, Barry & Karen Thomas, *Lily Thompson*, friends serving in the Armed Services, first responders, and the leaders of the United States of America. (Bold = New, Italics = Currently in hospital or rehabilitation)

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on in 4/1 at 7pm at Saint Paul. Members are John Sprinkle, Deborah Goodwin, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, and Stephanie Gamble. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 4/8 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, Christine Hall, John Tate, Janet Cook, and Eugenia Vicars. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 3/18 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, Davis Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Stephanie Gamble, Edna Patterson, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 3/25 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Stephen Newman, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Debra Hampton, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminato, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



YOUTH GROUP: There is no youth group meeting this week. Have a great spring break!



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Come raise your voice in song and join the choir. We will be rehearsing on 3/6 at 7pm in the choir room located behind the organ in the sanctuary. We would love to have you come and join!



GOLDEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON: We will be gathering at Saint Paul on 3/21 at 11:30am. Bring your lunch and thirst for knowledge on the love stories of the Bible. Dessert and beverage are provided.



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY: We will be gathering on 3/26 at 7pm at the home of Heather Storey, 6 Trails End in Greenville. Come for an evening of fellowship, spiritual growth, and laughter.



MARCH OF DIMES: We will be raising funds for the March of Dimes during the month of March. Please bring your change for the buckets during the month. To learn more about the March of Dimes, please speak with Lori Cheshire or click here: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/>

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